

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**ITEM**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

Brushy Creek Trails Advisory Board Appointments

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Chapter 455A.8, Code of Iowa authorizes the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) to appoint seven members of the Brushy Creek Trails Advisory Board. The DNR Director is to provide the NRC a recommendation for appointments. The below recommendation is based on the average scores (in parentheses) provided by Commissioners, a proposed policy to not have spouses on the board at the same time, gender balance, and board membership transition factors. The NRC is requested to appoint the following seven applicants for the respective number of years that will establish a system of staggered terms:

Patrick Reed (34.6) – 3 years  
Linda Jenny (33.9) – 3 years  
Donna Christensen (33.3) – 3 years  
Kristi Schaaf (33.1) – 2 years  
Beth Aswegan (31.4) – 2 years  
Ron Jacobson (31.1) – 1 year  
Mike Tinkham (29.3) – 1 year

The following are the average scores by the NRC for the other applicants:

Rick Schaaf (31.1)  
Kelly Keller (29.9)  
Terry Carson (29.0)  
Alycia Carlsborg (28.4)  
Myron Groat (26.7)

Rick and Kristi Schaaf are husband and wife. Kristi is recommended since she scored higher than Rick and she is an existing board member that will aid in board continuity during this time of membership transition. Mike Tinkham is recommended over Kelly Keller because of the little difference in average scores, gender balance, and Mike is a current board member whose past experience on the board will be beneficial to board continuity during this time of transition. The designated term lengths are based on average scores with the applicants with higher scores recommended for the longer terms.

The seven appointed members will be joined by Deb Lewis (Preserves Board designee), Chad Kelchen (Park Manager), and Kevin Szcodronski (DNR Director Designee) to make up the 10-member board in accordance with Chapter 455A.8, Code of Iowa.

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